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1. The sample consisted of 50 grams of a white powder in a tin can with a label in Korean and Chinese which has been translated as follows:

Opium Pulveratum
"Permit of Ministry of Health
Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea
10% Opium Pulveratum
50 Grams
Contents
Powdered opium 10%
Starch 90%
P'yongyang Peoples' Pharmaceutical Factory
P'yongyang Special City, Chungsong-ni
Prepared 31 March 1950
State operated P'yongyang Pharmaceutical Factory
P'yongyang Peoples' Pharmaceutical Factory
under the supervision of the Drugs Manufacturing Control Bureau
in the Ministry of Health."

2. Analysis of the sample has revealed the following composition:

- a. Starch (identified as corn starch) 90%
- Opium 10%
- b. The opium content assayed 10% morphine

3. Conclusions drawn from the analysis by the laboratory which performed it are as follows:

- a. The sample appears to be a standard preparation.
- b. The sample was carefully prepared.

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